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SheSCORES FALSIFICATION OF EAST CHINA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION DATA

It has become known that village farmers, party members, and cadres have made out false reports in the East China Area. For example, the Hsu-kuei-yung Production Cooperative in Hsin-teng Hsien, Chekiang, made the following production report for 1952: "The total area of paddy rice planted was 141 mou, and the total crop 98,775 catties. This gives an average of 700.5 catties per mou, which is 0.5 catties per mou above the basic production plan. The cooperative has 11 mou of 'thousand-catty fields', with a yield of 9,766 catties, of which 7 mou reached an average production per mou of 1,000 catties or more. Only four of the 'thousand catty fields' did not fulfill the plan, because of floods and drought."

Investigation shows that this report was padded by more than 22,000 catties, and that not one mou of land reached a yield of 1,000 catties. The highest production per mou reached was actually only 882 catties of rice.

In Chi-tung Hsien, Chekiang, of ten model workers chosen, five proved to have false production records. In one case, it was reported that 1.2 mou of land was planted with rice and yielded 800 catties per mou; afterwards it was learned that this rice field had not even been planted.

There are village cadres guilty of bureaucratism, who not only lack thoroughness in their investigations, but also accept hearsay reports, or even encourage hearsay reports. These conditions affect national reconstruction and national planning adversely, and conscientious reporting must be carried out in the future.

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